

REMARKS

Claims 5-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Swanson* (US Pub. 20020141549A1) in view of *Glatzer* (US Pub. 20050078090A1). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In response to the previously filed amendment, the Examiner comments in paragraphs 2-4 of the Office Action. Applicants respond below accordingly.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the partially executed “dial operation” disclosed in Fig. 5 of *Swanson* is equivalent to the partially executed “function” of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. A “function” as used in the instant invention and understood by the skilled artisan generally relates to something carried out or performed on the device for the “operation” of the device itself (see for example page 1, first paragraph of the instant specification). For example, dialing numbers may cause the device to perform a function, but the mere dialing operation in and of itself is not a function. For example, a user presses a button on a telephone to use speaker phone. The act of pressing the button is not a function. The function (e.g. turning on the speaker phone) occurs as a result of pressing the button.

In response to the statements in paragraph 3, while Applicants understand that the Examiner has not specifically cited *Glatzer* as disclosing “help information in response to the processing”, this is not the point Applicant’s are attempting to address. Rather, the mere fact that *Glatzer*, according to the Examiner, discloses a visual change on at least one of a plurality of buttons is alone insufficient. The Examiner may not simply piece together parts of the prior art to arrive at the claimed invention. In *Glatzer*, the illuminated button(s) are to highlight which keys the user can access during a given function. However, the illumination has nothing to do with a request for help and information generated in response thereto, to which the Examiner cites *Swanson* as disclosing. That is, there is no reason the skilled artisan would use the illuminated button(s) in *Glatzer* in conjunction with help information, as the button(s) are highlighted for a purpose that is not related to “help information.” As to Applicants’ statement that the illumination in *Glatzer* is only executed when a phone/computer application is completely executed, clarification is made here. The button(s) illuminate in *Glatzer* during execution of an application, not in response to a single or multiple requests for information (i.e.

help information). The button(s) are continuously illuminated during execution of the application. In the instant application, the voice/illumination occurs in response to processing of the help signal.

With respect to the Examiner's comments in paragraph 4, there is no reason why one having ordinary skill and creativity in the art would combine *Swanson* and *Glatzer* in the manner suggested in the Office Action. Indeed, *Swanson* uses an audio indication to convey the respective help information. *Glatzer*, on the other hand, uses a visual indication (i.e. non/illuminated keys) to highlight possible input means, irrespective of a need for help. To arrive at the combination of references, such that the two references combined utilize both an audio and visual indication, is simply impermissible. Indeed, *Swanson* specifically states that audio messages are provided through a speaker 79 of the handset or written information on a display 81 of the base unit (paragraph [0046]). Only a single method to convey the message is used. Significantly, display on the screen prevents the user from viewing the normal screen display, the very problem the instant invention seeks to overcome. Clearly, only in hindsight would the Examiner have arrived at this conclusion, as both *Swanson* and *Glatzer* already provide sufficient indications.

Claims 7 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Swanson* (US Pub. 20020141549A1) in view of *Glatzer* (US Pub. 20050078090A1), further in view of *Hull* (US Pub. 20006720863B2). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the same reasons provided in the arguments above.

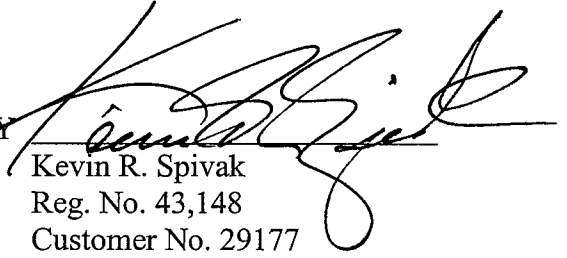
Entry of this amendment after-final is appropriate since the claims have been amended for purposes of clarity, and not for reasons related to patentability.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5-10 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Applicants earnestly request an early Notice of Allowance. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818.

If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (119065-021) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLP

BY 
Kevin R. Spivak
Reg. No. 43,148
Customer No. 29177

Dated: March 28, 2008